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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Prior to calculating the fees pursuant to the entry into the National Phase of the above-identified Application, please amend the claims as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend Claims 3, 4, 6, 10, 12 and 13 as follows:

3. (Amended) A hybrid protein according to Claim 1 wherein each serum carrier protein is thyroxine-binding protein, transthyretin,  $\alpha$ 1-acid glycoprotein, transferrin, fibrinogen or albumin or a fragment thereof.

4. (Amended) A hybrid protein according to Claim 1 wherein each antibody fragment is a monovalent Fab fragment optionally containing one or more additional amino acids attached to the C-terminus of the CH1 domain.

6. (Amended) A hybrid protein according to Claim 1 comprising one antigen-binding antibody fragment covalently linked to an albumin molecule or a fragment thereof.

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